



LOXTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.
AGM MINUTES

Meeting:	Annual General Meeting	Date:	11 th September 2017
Chair:	Deb Petch	Location	Loxton Hotel
Time:	7.31pm	Taken by:	Tessa Kirk
Attendees:	<i>Deb Petch, Tessa Kirk, Catarina Santini, Sonya Altschwager, Lew Gibbs, Sharyn Schlein, Annette Winter, Gordon Thompson, Jane Wilson, Ryan Seaman, Jodie Koch, Chrystal Goodhand, Dale Pedler, Julie Hammond, Alex / Jody / Felicity (from EML & Business SA)</i>		
Apologies:	<i>Julia Dansie, Paul Lewis, Bruce & Glanys Schubert, Michael Taylor, Rosanne McConnell, Phillip Goodes, Kellie Lawson, Melanie Albrecht, Jason Size, Michael Searle, Sheree Cameron, Chioma Amaechi, Rohan Scarfe, Tim Vivian, Kristy Hobbs, Fred Petch, KOM Caravan Park, Deb Thiele</i>		

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1.	Confirmation of previous AGM Minutes dated 12 th September 2016	<i>Moved: Catarina Santini Seconded: Ryan Seaman All in favour</i>	
2.	Business Arising:	<i>N/A</i>	
3.	Reports:		
	a) Treasurer's Annual Financial Report <i>See attached</i>	<i>Tabled: Catarina Santini All in favour Report Moved: Ryan Seaman Seconded: Annette Winter</i>	
	b) President's Annual Report <i>See attached</i>	<i>Tabled: Deb Petch All in favour Report moved: Lew Gibbs Seconded: Jane Wilson</i>	
	c) Appointment/reappointment of the chamber's auditor for the following year.	<i>Last year it was Madden Accountants. Motion: Continue with Madden Accountants for 2017-2018. Moved: Sharyn Schlein Seconded: Lew Gibbs All in favour</i>	

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4.	Election of 2016/2017 Executive Committee positions:		
	<p>a) Vice-president.</p> <p>b) Treasurer.</p> <p>c) Three ordinary committee members.</p> <p>d) Public Officer</p>	<p><i>Ryan Seaman was nominated by Kylie Loxton & Tricia Koch and reappointed as Vice-President for a 2 year term.</i></p> <p><i>Catarina Santini was nominated by Melanie Albrecht & Tessa Kirk and reappointed as Treasurer for a 2 year term.</i></p> <p>Paul Lewis was nominated by Mark Kershaw & Sophie Fielke and reappointed as an Ordinary Committee Member for a 2 year term.</p> <p>There are two remaining positions for Ordinary Committee Members. If anyone would like to nominate please contact Deb Petch, Sonya Altschwager or Tessa Kirk and it will be taken to an Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p>As Sharyn Schlein is stepping down from the Executive Committee a new signatory was needed on the Chamber bank accounts. <i>Motion: Ryan Seaman to be the new signatory as he has just been reappointed to the committee for another 2 years.</i> <i>Moved: Catarina Santini</i> <i>Seconded: Chrystal Goodhand</i> <i>All in favour.</i></p> <p>In her capacity as President, Deb Petch reappointed Annette Winter as public officer.</p>	

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	To conclude the Executive Committee for the 2017-2018 year is as follows: Lew Gibbs Annette Winter Catarina Santini (T) Paul Lewis Deb Petch (P) Tessa Kirk (S) Ryan Seaman (VP)		
	Meeting Close:	7.55pm	

Treasurer's Report

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After another successful year at the Chamber, I provide you with the attached financials.

As can be seen, a small profit has been made this year of \$

As discussed at previous meetings, Sonya's long service leave has been calculated and a provision has been allowed for in this year's financials. Sonya comes up to seven years this financial year, which means if she is to leave a payout will need to be paid, yet Sonya cannot take long service leave until she has been employed by the chamber for 10 years.

Income and Expenses are on par with previous years. I am still getting used to presenting the financials so if you have any questions or suggestions to change the format of the financials, please let me know.

Also, in regards to the open positions, as Sharon is no longer an executive committee member, we will need to change the signatories at the bank. –Suggest Ryan (Vice President)

It has been a great opportunity to be treasurer and I look forward to the following two years as I am re-elected in my current position.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks

Catarina Santini

President's Report

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Welcome to the 2016/2017 Loxton Chamber of Commerce AGM.

Once again, I am happy to report the chamber has had a busy and productive year.

I would sincerely like to thank the chamber executive committee,

Ryan Seaman

Annette Winter

Sharyn Schlien

Lew Gibbs

Kristy Hobbs

Paul Lewis

Caterina Santini

Sonya Altschwager

Tessa Kirk

For their support throughout the year. Special thanks to Sonya for all the work she does to ensure your chamber is running smoothly.

Steph Nitschke was unable to continue as secretary during the year and we were quite concerned who would step up to take on this position. As we know a very reliable Tessa Kirk was waiting in the wings. It is great to see our secretary and treasurer are both young and full of enthusiasm for our chamber.

Once again, this year we have had regular representation from both SAPOL in Michael Searles and Deb Thiele from the Loxton Waikerie Council. We thank you both for your attendance at our meetings and your reports and keeping us up to date in the happenings of our town

We had a very successful and well attended annual dinner this year, with a change in venue, holding it at the Loxton Club. It was a great night, with our guest speaker, Michael Arnold from Arnold Bros, sharing with us their journey.

We held one of our meetings this year at Frankie and Dandelion, and had Tessa as our guest speaker, with her also sharing with us her wonderful and exciting journey, which by all accounts has a lot more to come. It was decided this year to have a 'Pop Up Office' during the membership drive. We thank Paul Lewis and RLS for allowing Sonya to share their space. She looked quite comfortable in there and this is certainly something we will look at doing again.

Loxton Chamber of Commerce were very excited to be named Loxton Event of the Year in 2016, for the Loxton Lights Up held in 2015. I was honoured to be at the announcement night and along with Sonya accepted the award on behalf of you all at the Australia Day breakfast. Sonya and I also recently attended the Riverland Citizen Awards, but unfortunately, we were not successful winners this time.

Another successful Lights Up was held in November and Mayor Stass thought it was one of our biggest. We held the Easter Picnic on Easter Saturday, which this year was bigger again and well attended by locals and tourists. The Pedal Prix saw an influx of visitors to our town and this year put us on the map internationally. This event is still growing and we are pleased it will remain in Loxton for a couple more years. Arts on Terrace was again well attended, with some of our main street traders having activities in their stores. being part of it. We are the envy of many towns with the activities we hold throughout the year and we will continue to work alongside the Loxton Waikerie Council and partners to ensure their ongoing success.

This year has seen the chamber involved in various activities in our town, with us once again being involved in Business Week at the high school. Feedback I received on our input was very positive. Sonya attended the Business SA conference and the Regional Tourism Summit, both of which are very important to have a presence. Already we have had interest from two other regional towns wanting to replicate our Loxton Gift Vouchers and other Chambers wanting to develop a role like that of our Business and Events Manager,, this shows we also had a representative at the Rotary Pride of Workmanship dinner.

At present, we are in consultation with partners on the Woolworths Walk Through project, have been included in conversations with Rotary LED signage, Village Precinct, Annual Markets, Social Media Projects and a Retirement Expo.

We adopted the Marketing Plan 2016-2020 earlier this year and following tonight's AGM and the election of ordinary members to the executive the Strategic Plan will be updated

I thank you all for your continued support over the past 12 months. The present Loxton Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee will do our best to ensure the Loxton Chamber of Commerce remains the envy of many chambers and towns.

Thank you